



**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

Public Servants-Telangana-Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department-Allegations of corruption against Smt. Ruhama Benjamin, Asst. Director of Fisheries, Ranga Reddy district-Trapped on 4.12.2010-Sanction of Prosecution under Prevention of Corruption Act'1988- Orders-Issued.

Animal Husbandry Dairy Development and Fisheries (V&F) Department

G.O.RT.No. 51

Dated: 07-11-2014

ORDER:

1. Whereas Smt. Ruhama Benjamin W/o. S. Vijaya Anand worked as Asst. Director of Fisheries, R.R. dist. from 16.8.2007 to 4.12.2010 (till her suspension) and as such she was a Public Servant within the meaning of clause (c) of Section 2 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

2. And whereas, Sri K. Srihari s/o. Sathaiah age 38 years, Occ: Cultivation and Fish ponds, R/o. Maheshwaram village & mandal of Ranga Reddy district applied for permission for one acre fish pond and for subsidy before the District Collector, Ranga Reddy on 22-03-2010 and the same application was endorsed to Smt. Ruhama Benjamin, Asst. Director of Fisheries, R.R. dist. for further action. When Sri K. Srihari met Smt. R. Benjamin, she advised him to develop remaining 1½ acre land for which he would get Rs. 3,00,000/- as loan or total cost valuation and 40% subsidy will be given over the amount. As per her advise he took NOC from Grampanchayath Office, Maheshwaram, R.R. dist. and copies of Pattadar Pass books pertaining to the land and met her one week ago at her office. Then, she demanded him to give Rs.10,000/- as bribe and asked him to come with the demanded amount along with a fresh application for the remaining 1½ acre fish pond. He requested her to reduce the bribe amount, but she did not heed to his request and asked him to pay the bribe along with application for forwarding the application to higher officials. On 3.12.2010 forenoon when he met her, she informed him to come on 4.12.2010 with application along with bribe amount Rs. 10,000/-. As Sri K. Srihari was not willing to give bribe to Smt. R. Benjamin, on 3.12.2010 at 1600 hour he went to the ACB Office and lodged a compliant before the DSP, ACB, CR-I, Hyderabad for taking necessary action against her. After due verifications, the complaint of Sri K. Srihari was registered as a case in Cr.No. 29/ACB-CR.1/2010 U/s 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and the DSP proposed to lay a trap against Smt. R. Benjamin.

3. And whereas during the course of trap, on 4.12.2010 Sri K.Srihari met Smt. R. Benjamin at her residence, where she was trapped when she demanded and accepted Rs.10,000/- as bribe from Sri K. Srihari. She received Rs.10,000/- with her right hand and kept the same inside the application form of Sri K. Srihari. Then Sri K. Srihari also came out of the flat into the parking area and gave pre-arranged signal by combing his hair with his fingers. Then, immediately the DSP ACB along with trap party members rushed into the flat of Smt. R. Benjamin and the phenolphthalein test conducted over right hand fingers of Smt. R. Benjamin which yielded positive results and the tainted amount Rs.10,000/- and application, dated 3.12.2010 of Sri K.Srihari were seized at the instance of Smt. R. Benjamin from her residence.

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4. And whereas, the said act of Smt. Ruhama Benjamin W/o. S. Vijay Anand, Asst. Director of Fisheries, Ranga Reddy district constitutes an offence punishable under Section 7 & 13(1), (d) r/w 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

5. And whereas, the Government of Telangana, being the competent authority to remove, Smt. Ruhama Benjamin W/o. S. Vijay Anand, Asst. Director of Fisheries, Ranga Reddy district from service, after fully and carefully examining the material placed before them i.e. copy of FIR, mediators reports I & II, statements of witnesses, final investigation report etc., in respect of the said allegation, and having regard to facts and circumstances of the case, consider that, the said Smt. Ruhama Benjamin W/o. S. Vijay Anand, Asst. Director of Fisheries, Ranga Reddy district should be prosecuted in a court of law for the aforesaid offences.

6. Now, therefore in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Telanga, hereby accord sanction for prosecution of Smt. Ruhama Benjamin W/o. S. Vijay Anand, Asst. Director of Fisheries, Ranga Reddy, distirct for the offences punishable under Section 7 & 13 (2) r/w 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act,1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the above said acts and also for taking cognizance of the said offence by the court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

(POONAM MALAKONDAIAH)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director-General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

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